



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, September 12, 2019
Keizer City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair DeBlasi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call follows:

Present:

Michael DeBlasi, Chair
Pat Fisher, Vice Chair
Kathy Lincoln
Hersch Sangster
David Dempster

Staff Present:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Mike Griffin, PW Division Manager
Sgt. David LeDay – Police Liaison
Council Liaison Dan Kohler

Absent:

Wayne Frey
One Position Vacant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kathy Lincoln moved to approve the August 2019 Minutes. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lincoln and Fisher in favor with Frey absent and one position vacant.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Sidewalk Obstructions/ADA Compliance: *Jonathan Thompson*, Keizer, asked that the committee find a way for pedestrians and basketball hoops to co-exist. He offered the possibility of permanent installation of the hoops by drilling into the sidewalk or mounting on the property owner side of the sidewalk. Discussion followed regarding costs, liability, neighbor to neighbor solutions, safe harbors for children to play basketball, protecting seniors/disabled, the appropriateness of the ordinance in question, bike lanes, placing posts in planter strips or parking areas, active use and Stormwater blockage.

Public Works Director Bill Lawyer suggested that posts be mounted permanently either in the sidewalk or behind the sidewalk with arms over the sidewalk to the street. He cautioned, however, that the full existing sidewalk width must be maintained in either scenario. If the post is mounted behind the sidewalk there would be no need to adjust the width, but if it is mounted in the sidewalk, the existing sidewalk would need to be widened so that the full width was maintained. Discussion followed regarding mounting on street lights or power poles, liability, the fairness of enforcement being complaint driven, community education, and the definition of 'active use'.

Pat Fisher moved that the Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee support allowing homeowners to install basketball hoops mounted in or behind the sidewalk or planter strip, subject to guidance and permit from the Public Works Department. Hersch

Sangster seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lincoln and Fisher in favor with Frey absent and one position vacant.

BIKE LANE AT KEIZER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Hersch Sangster reported that he had not followed up on this with the principal. He noted that his observation was that cars are parked in the bike lane for pickup in the afternoon but the average time was less than 5 minutes. Children on bicycles are using the sidewalk and crossing the street at the crossing guard so the bike lane is not needed. Officer LeDay noted that he did not think it needed to be removed. Bill Lawyer interjected that the bike lane may be there because of a land use requirement and that it is unique in the city. He questioned that since it was localized and for only 20 minutes a day, was it really a problem? Pat Fisher and Hersch Sangster noted that they would just go talk to the principal.

SPEED LIMITS ON CITY ARTERIALS: Chair DeBlasi reviewed the issue from the last meeting noting that legislation did not move forward in this past legislative session. Kathy Lincoln added that they are still working on the rules. Committee agreed to continue monitoring this to see if it passes and then determine where adjustments might be made. They agreed to postpone making a recommendation to Council until they see what becomes of the legislation and how the rules are written.

ADA RAMPS & ADDED CROSSWALKS MID-BLOCK ON RIVER ROAD: Community Development Director Nate Brown pointed out that Pat Fisher's letter (distributed to members prior to the meeting) is included in the Council packet with the Keizer Revitalization Plan. He noted that the plan generally addresses the need to improve corridor safety including pedestrian safety. It does not specifically call out "mid-block crossing" or locations but does call for a Safety Audit to be performed. The Council may direct an evaluation of the corridor to identify feasible locations for enhanced pedestrian crossings on River Road. An engineering study would be necessary to determine if a crossing is warranted and what types of treatments are suitable. This could be done within the context of a roadway conceptual design plan, as its own effort at a specific location, or for the entire corridor. He added that the Committee will be actively engaged in the Transportation System Plan review and that is where specific enhanced pedestrian crossings would be recorded, however, they would require funding sources and a political process. Both Ms. Fisher and Chair DeBlasi then provided input as to what areas they thought warranted enhanced pedestrian crossings. It was noted that the cost of the crossing could be anywhere from \$90,000 to \$240,000.

PROJECTS REPORTS:

Pat Fisher - Parkway Path Signage: No report. **Public Outreach/Trash Receptacles:** Has spoken with staff and learned that this is referred to in the Code in a location other than sidewalk obstructions. She will continue working on this to determine the best approach. Currently the rule allows the receptacles on the sidewalk 24 hours before and after scheduled pickup. She is considering asking that the window be reduced. Hersch Sangster interjected that he has noticed that recently the placement has been such that they have not impeded cycling.

Kathy Lincoln – City-wide Missing Link/Neighborhood Connectivity: No report. Additional Bike Repair Station: Deferred to Hersch Sangster.

Hersch Sangster – Bike Friendly Businesses: No report. McNary Upgrade Status: Work is continuing. He has been assured that once the building is complete and traffic flow has been established, they will focus on the bike rack. Additional Bike Repair Station: Location: Permission has not been granted yet because he has not been able to reach the principal.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT: David Dempster announced that Keizer Fire District Fire Prevention week starts October 7. He noted that normally the committee has a booth there to fit and distribute helmets. The committee has enough helmets for this. He also reported on ServeFest noting that they fitted 69 children with helmets over a period of 1 hour and 40 minutes. Next year they will have 100 helmets to give away.

STAFF REPORT: Street Division Manager Mike Griffin provided an update of the River Road paving project noting that it should be complete by the end of next week, reported that the post-mounted solar speed displays are going to be moved to Lockhaven on either side of the school zone at the request of the Police Department, and that the Stormwater crews are cleaning out catch basins to keep the streets from flooding.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Sergeant LeDay announced that most pedestrian fatalities and injuries on River Road occur inside crosswalks and are due to inattentive drivers. He noted that crosswalks tend to give pedestrians a false sense of security but they should always try to use the ones that are controlled by traffic signals.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Kohler thanked the committee for their work and noted that he had a list of information from the committee to report to Council.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ October 10, 2019, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 10-10-19